REMARKS

New claims 15 to 17 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification and originally filed claims. Claims 11 to 17 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 11 to 14 as filed. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 15 to 17 depend from the allowed claim(s), and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as the respective allowed claim(s).

In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's earlier Examiner's Amendment -- discussed and agreed to by Applicant -- as explained in the Examiner's notes with the Notice of Allowance.

Applicant believes that the originally filed Declaration is appropriate as filed. However, in the interests of clarity, Applicant is preparing to file a Supplemental Declaration.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application having claims 11 to 17 should be allowed as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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